

Appl. No.: 10/055,521
Art Unit: 1712; Docket No.: B01-13
Reply to Office Action of June 8, 2004

ELECTION AND REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant must elect a single species for prosecution. The Examiner identified the following plasticizers as examples of classes Applicant should consider electing: dialkyl phthalates, alkylaryl phthalates, phosphate esters, or fatty acid esters. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1, 15-22, 30, and 31 are generic.

For continuing the prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects the class 'alkyl phthalates'. It is the Applicant's belief that at least claims 2, 3, 6-8, 12, 24, and 25 read on this species. Additionally, claims 3, 5, 6, and 25 have been amended to more distinctly claim the invention based on the election made herein.

Consequently, claims 4, 9-11, 13, 14, 23, 24, and 26-29 have been withdrawn from consideration on the patentability of the generic subject matter. However, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter not claimed in the current application.

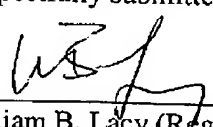
CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicant believes that the claims of the subject application are acceptable for consideration on the merits. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, if a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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